

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-8 and 10-18 are pending in the present application. The Examiner rejected the claims under § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nagamitsu (U.S. Patent No. 5,467,401) in a final Office Action dated August 7, 2009.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's courtesy during a telephone interview dated February 4, 2010. As discussed during the interview, the Examiner suggested amendments to claim 1 to clarify the claimed invention. Specifically, the Examiner suggested an amendment to clarify that the sound generating point has "an orientation" in the preamble that is changed in the "orientation control section" in the claim body. The Examiner also sought a minor amendment from "a" direction to "the" direction that does not affect the scope of the claims.

Accordingly, Applicant submits herewith a request for continued examination with this Amendment as the requisite submission. With this Amendment, Applicants amend all the independent claims in the manner suggested by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims, as amended, are patentable over Nagamitsu as the Examiner indicated during the interview.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and

authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing Docket No.

393032044700. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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